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late Differences happen'd between the Courts of Prussia and Hanover, and having had very good Opportunities of in-

forming myself of those Affairs; I cannot forbear giving you an account of them, to satisfy your Curiosity, and keep my Pro-

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mise of letting you know what is in agitation in these distant Countries. You may safely depend on what I write; for an English-Man, though at a distance from his Country, always seels that Love for Truth and Liberty, in which he has been educated.

The King of England arriving at Herrenhausen at the beginning of June, it was hoped that the Harmony between their Majesties the Kings of Great Britain and Prussia, which had suffer'd some Interruption by Mifunderstandings, and false Reports, would be revived. If any Credit is due to Appearances, his Prussian Majesty, who has a cordial Affection for the Royal Family and Country of Hanover, where he received his first Education, was fincerely dispos'd to do all in his power to that End; for he had already named a Minister, who was to compliment his Britannick Majesty on his safe Arrival into his German Dominions, as soon as the same should be notified, according to the constant Practice of King George 1. on such Occasions. But it was Matter of great Surprize at Berlin, that the King of England had been above ten Days at Hanover, without giving any notice of his Arrival. This was intimated to Mr. Du Bourgay, Envoy from his Britannick Majesty to the Court of Prussia, who, animated

mated with the Zeal, which he has always thewn for uniting the two Courts, wrote to my Lord Townshend, then at Hanover, who answerd, that no such Notification was to be found in their Chancery, nor did any one remember it practifed in the late King's Time. It was easy for the Prussian Ministers to convince Mr. Du Bourgay of the contrary by authentick Pieces, and original Letters written by the late King of Great Britain to his Prussian Majesty on But, notwithstanding this that Occasion. authentick Proof of his late Britannick Majesty's Complaisance for his Son-in-law, which might be much more expected from a Brother-in-law, and all that Mr. Du Bourgay wrote on that Subject, the Court of Hanover continued filent, and that of Berlin was under a Necessity of knowing nothing of the King of Great Britain's Arrival in his German Dominions. This Neglect, however, foon became familiar, and was answer'd with an equal Coldness and Indifference; and, though I often went to the Queen's Court, I scarce heard her Majesty mention the King of Great Britain's Name above twice or thrice, though I was well affured she was very much disturbed at the Misunderstanding between the King her Husband and her Brother.

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This was the Posture of Affairs, when News was brought that the Court of Hanover had directed a Party of Horse and Foot to carry off the Hay of a Meadow belonging to the King of Prusia, call'd Clamei Wiese; and, what was still more surprifing, the Court of Berlin received an account that several inferior Officers and Prussian Soldiers had been seiz'd in the Territories of Hanquer by express Orders from the King of Great Britain, though furnish'd with good Passports, and guilty of no Disorder; and this under pretence that his Prussian Majesty had violated the Cartel made between the two Kings, and that the Ministers of his Prussian Majesty had given no Answer to the repeated Remonstrances made them by the Ministers of Hanover against such Violations. As the King of Prussia was then at Magdebourg, where he had form'd a Camp confifting of eleven Batallions, and fifteen Squadrons, I know not what Effect this News had on him; but have been since inform'd, that he did not express his Dissatisfaction at it in publick, but only sent Orders to all his Regiments to be particularly careful of avoiding the Territories of Hanover; and upon his Majesty's Return, I understood he had directed his Ministers to lay the Affair before those of Hanover. Pursuant to this OrOre the Ac the Na Co

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Order, the Prussian Ministers dispatch'd the Letter, which may be seen after this Account, N°. I. to Hanover, in which they proposed in the King of Prussia's Name, to bring the Affair to an amicable Conclusion, and desir'd that in the mean time all things might be restored to their former Situation.

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It was hoped at Berlin, that a Declaration so equitable, of being ready to give the Court of Hanover full Satisfaction on every reasonable Head of Complaint, would procure the Prussian Soldiers their Liberty, who had been seiz'd contrary to the Laws of Nations, and the flanding Laws of the Empire, tho' furnish'd with good Passports, and guilty of no other fault but that of ferving a Prince, of whom the Court of Hanover supposed they had reason to complain. But Matters did not go on as was expected, and the Answer made by the Hanoverian Ministry, No. II. contains their Reasons for detaining the Prussian Soldiers, till the Subjects of Hanover, who were faid to be seiz'd and inlisted by force in the Prussian Troops, should be set at liberty.

It was thought necessary to answer this unexpected Refusal by a second Letter of the 2d of August, which you may see No III. in which it was judged proper to descend to particulars, and in which all the

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Complaints urged by his Britannick Majesty about the Cartel, are reduced to the three following Articles: 1. That the Prussians had carried off several Persons out of the Territories and Electorate of Brunswick: of which not one single Instance could be found in the publick Records, tho' fearched with great exactness. 2. That several of the Subjects of Brunswick had been seiz'd in the Country of Brandebourg, and forced into the Prussian Service. This Fact is not denied; but then it is not allow'd to be a Violation of the Cartel, and that because the Persons in question were inlisted in his Prussian Majesty's Service by receiving Money, on good Terms, and with their own free Consent. 3. That at Brandebourg, those Deserters who were under size, were restored, and those detained who were tall enough for the Service. It is answer'd, that this Fact has not yet been made appear; and that, tho' it had, it could be proved that the same was done by the Hanoverians. This Letter concludes with hoping that, if his Britannick Majesty were fufficiently inform'd of these Circumstances, he would not make the least Difficulty of releasing the Prussian Soldiers. The King of Prussia's Royal Word is there engaged for the ready Execution of whatever any impartial Persons should judge just and reason if, co of H Thin Maje

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reasonable. To which it is added that, if, contrary to all Expectation, the Court of Hanover should still refuse to restore Things to their former State, his Prussian Majesty would be obliged to take more serious Measures for his own Satisfaction.

I must not forget to tell you that, during these Transactions, an English Sailor was listed at Konigsberg in Prussia, and that, upon Mr. Du Bourgay's complaining of this Affair to the Ministers of the King of Prussia at his Return from Hanover, his Majesty gave immediate Orders for restoring the Sailor to the Master of the Ship; to shew, as was publickly said, that he had no intention to do injustice to any one, and much less to the English Nation, for which he had a particular Regard: Provided that Satisfaction was demanded in a way usually practised between Princes, without attempting to do themselves justice by Reprisals.

But to return to my Narration. The Answer of the Court of Hanover being delay'd, the King of Prussia began to grow impatient to know what he had to do or expect in this Affair; he directed his Ministers to sound Mr. Du Bourgay, and see whether he had received any Orders or Instructions on that Head. To which that Envoy reply'd, that my Lord Townshend had forbid his meddling with a Difference that regarded only

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only his Britannick Majesty's German Dos This cold Answer increased the Trouble which this Affair gave his Prussian Majesty; and about the same time, he order'd his Privy-Counsellor Canngiesfer, who was entrusted with his Family-Affairs at Hanover, to press for an Answer to this last Letter of the 2d of August, in the Absence of Mr. de Reichenbach, his Majesty's Resident, who then attended his Britannick Majesty at Lunebourg, and let the Ministers of Hanover know, that, if no positive Anfwer was given to the faid Letter in three days, their Silence would be look'd on at Berlin as a Refusal, and such Measures taken as were necessary for procuring Satisfaction. The Paper here added, No IV. which I had the pleasure of copying with the permission of one of the Prussian Ministers, will let you into the whole Affair, and shew you how Mr. Canngiesser executed his Master's Orders; at the same time you will be surprized to see how haughtily that Minister was treated at Hanover.

On the 19th of August, Mr. Canngiesser gave his Prussian Majesty an Account of his Negotiation; who was so exasperated at what had pass'd, that he gave immediate Orders for marching 44000 Men, with a large Train of Artillery, to demand Satisfaction of a Neighbour, who would hear

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of no Terms for an Accommodation. These Measures were so well concerted, that the whole Army would have been ready to take the Field near Magdebourg, on the 15th of September. I can affure you that I never faw greater Joy among the Officers and Soldiers, than when they understood they were to march; and nothing can be more false than that the Prussian Troops were discontented at the Order. The King of Pruffia was extremely liberal on this occasion, and disburfed about 100,000 Crowns for putting Matters in order, and gratifying the Officers; and, for the Encouragement of the common Soldiers, they received each half a Pound of Meat a Day, beside their usual Allowance. I have start only stolled

This now was the posture of Affairs at Berlin, when the Court of Hanover thought proper to send an Answer to the Letter N° III. which you will find N° V. by which it appears that the Court of Hanover began to listen to Reason. A reciprocal Exchange was now proposed on the Frontiers, and Mr. Du Bourgay had Instructions to explain himself on that Article; tho' he had declared, as has been observed, that he had no Orders for meddling with a Quarrel, which regarded only the Ministers of Hanover.

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The Letter last mention'd had a good effect on the King of Prussia, who declared publickly he would convince the World his Intentions were just and reasonable, and order'd his Ministers to answer the said Letter with No VI. in which they tell those of Hanover that, though the King of Prussia had made Preparations for procuring that Satiffaction, which had been so often refused him, he was ready to shew his Generosity by releasing the Persons mention'd in the List annex'd to the Letter from the Court of Hanover, without disputing the Justice of their Demand; but on this condition, that the Court of Hanover should without any farther Debate fet at liberty the Prussian Soldiers, who were entirely innocent, and detain'd in Prison against the Law of Nations. At the same time the Prussian Ministers would have lengaged Mr. Du Bourgay, who began to enter into this Affair, to fend my Lord Townshend his Prussian Majesty's Declaration, No VII. But Mr. Du Bourgay refusing to charge himself with that Commission, Mr. Reichenbach was order'd to deliver the faid Declaration to my Lord Townshend. The Court of Berlin was extremely impatient to know whether that of Hanover was inclined to accept of Propofals, which those who offer'd them thought just and generous. But the English Ministers

sters Answer, No VIII. left his Prussian Majesty no hopes of an Accommodation; and he concluded he should not obtain the just and reasonable Satisfaction, which was his due, but by the means of his Troops, which were then ready to march. These were the Dispositions of the Court of Berlin for two Days; when on a sudden Mr. Du Bourgay received a Courier from Hanover, with Orders to propose another Expedient, which was that of a Mediation of the Princes of the

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The Paper, No IX. shews you under what pretence this Proposal was made by his Britannick Majesty. According to what was faid at Berlin, it was disputed with great Warmth in a Council held in the Presence of the King of Prussia; and the greater part of the Ministers and Generals declaring for the Acceptation of the King of Great Britain's Proposal, the King of Prussia gave into the Affair, upon those Gentlemens alledging, that as the Court of Hanover had made the first step towards a Composition, and that at a time when his Dominions were in danger, his Prussian Majesty made it appear by his Conduct in this Affair, that the Court of Hanover was brought into these just Measures by Reason, supported by a formidable Army. tals to take latislaction for

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The Validity of this Thesis is left to the consideration of those who can judge of it better than I; all I can say on that Subject is, that it was declared in his Prussian Majesty's Name, that he would accept of this Expedient for Peace fake. The King of Prussia named the Duke of Saxe Gotha; for the Court of Hanover, when warmly press'd to make an end of the Affair, declined the Arbitration of the King of Poland, because that Prince was then at home, and at a great distance from the Parties. Mr. Du Bourgay dispatch'd a Courier to Hanover with this Resolution, who in three Days return'd with an Account that the Court of Hanover had chosen the Duke of Wolfenbuttel.

The Prussian Ministers, in conjunction with Mr. Du Bourgay, drew up the Act, which you have under N° X. and which was soon after ratified by the two Kings: Whereupon every thing was quiet, and the Troops receiv'd Orders to go into Quarters, which was far from pleasing the generality of the Soldiers. The subdelegated Commissioners are shortly to meet at Brunswick, and it is hoped at Berlin, that their Decisions will be regulated by Justice, Equity, and the sundamental Laws of the Empire, which it is said do not allow of beginning with Reprisals to take satisfaction for an Injury, supposed

posed to be received from a neighbouring Prince or State.

This is the whole Affair, exactly as it happen'd: I leave it to your consideration, and desire your Opinion of it in plain English. In the main, you are to believe this a good Escape for Hanover, where there were no Preparations for such a Visit; being provided neither with Magazines nor fortified Places to stop the Progress of the Prussian Army. The Hessians would have been of but little service to them, if the King of Poland had been inclined to meddle in the Affair, so far as to stop them, as the Prussians fay he would have done, that Prince having twenty Thousand Men, and the Hessians not being able to bring more than ten Thousand into the Field. The twelve Hundred Danes, not being then in a condition to march, would have come too late. Besides, the King of Prussia had fourteen Thousand Men more in Prussia, who had Orders to march upon the least Motion of the Danes, and would certainly have stopp'd the March of twelve Hundred; and the five Thousand Dutch would have prov'd but a small Reinforcement for an Army of twenty Thousand Men, attack'd by forty-four, which the Prussians expected would be routed before the Arrival of the Troops of the States. It was affirm'd at Berlin, that the

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the States had but forty-eight Thousand Men; and that those Troops were to be disposed of in seventy-three Forts and Forcresses, so that no formidable Detachments could be fent; which appears plausible enough. It is probable too that, if the King of Prussia had been disposed to push the Affair to an Extremity, both our English and German Ministers would have been in a very bad Condition. You may be affured that the greatest part of the Prussian Court is very much in the Interest of the House of Hanover; but I shall be more particular on this Head when we meet; and conclude with a Speech of Artabanes in the Tragedy of Themistocles.

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A Thousand Talents have perform'd with Ease;

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E cannot forbear letting your Ex-cellencies know how disagreeably the King our Master was surpriz'd to hear, that on the 28th of last June the Inhabitants of the Village of Bulitz, in the Bailiwick of Luchow, enter'd a Meadow call'd Little Clamey, with above forty Cares, under a Guard of an hundred Horse and two hundred Foot, drove out the Subjects of the King our Master by open Force, made themselves Masters of the Hay that was cut down, and carried it off by the Help of the faid Guard.

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Your Excellencies will eafily believe, that this forcible Entry into what is undoubtedly the Territories of the King our Master, must give his Majesty the more Trouble, because made at a Time when an amicable Accommodation of the Differences about the faid Meadow of Clamey was in agitation; and because, if the Arms of the King of Great Britain were not employ'd against that Prince's Intention, at least they were not employ'd either in a proper Time or in a proper Affair, but in a manner which gives occasion to suspect a fix'd Design of creating dangerous Quarrels and Disputes. For which reason we could not forbear representing this Matter to your Excellencies, begging that, pursuant to your real Intention of preserving a good Understanding in the Neighbourhood, of which we never yet doubted, you will be pleased to take care that this Dispute be carried no farther. And tho'. beside the Grievance already mention'd, we have several others to complain of, occason'd by some ill-designing Persons, partiularly the Seizure and Imprisonment of me Prussian Soldiers in the Territories cf Hanover, though furnished with good l'affports, an Action directly contrary to the Laws of Nations, the Constitutions of the Empire, and the Cartel made between their Majesties; yet his Majesty the King of

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of Prussia, our most gracious Master, animated with a Love of Equity, and defirous of maintaining Peace, is disposed to enter into an amicable Treaty on the present Differences between the two Kings, and do all in his power to facilitate the Success of it, provided that his Majesty the King of Great Britain has the same Dispositions, will consent to an Arbitration by Persons chosen by both Parties, and agree that things shall remain on the former Footing, till Measures can be taken for an Accommodation.

But if, contrary to all Expectation, these Proposals, which are made with a very good Intention, should be rejected; if his Majesty's Soldiers are still seized, his Rights invaded, and farther Attempts made on the Meadow of Clamey, or any other Spot of Ground belonging to his Prussian Majesty, it cannot be thought strange if the King our Master thinks himself obliged to take proper Methods to put a stop to such Proceedings.

If it should be necessary to proceed to Extremities, his Majesty solemnly protests he will not be answerable for the unhappy Consequences, which shall attend this Rurture, but declares, in the Presence of God, and in the Face of the whole World, that he is enrirely innocent on that score.

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We desire your Excellencies to give his Majesty the King of Great Britain, your most Gracious Sovereign, an exact Account of what we have now written, and let us know his Resolution on the Matter in question.

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NUMB. II.

ALETTER from the Ministers of his Majesty the King of Great Britain, to those of his Majesty the King of Prussia.

Hanover, July 14, 1729.

HE Letter, which your Excellencies were pleased to write to us on the 7th Instant, was delivered to us by Mr. Reichenbach, Counsellor to the Embassy of his Prussian Majesty, residing at present at this Court.

We assure your Excellencies, that we are not behind-hand with you in desiring to cultivate a good Understanding, and maintain an exact Harmony in the Neighbourhood, and take no delight in creating Quarrels and fomenting Divisions. But, as to the Grievances complain'd of, we leave your Excellencies to judge whether the D2

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We never denied that the Meadows of Clamey belong to the Bailiwick of Diefdorf in Brandebourg, nordid we ever commit the least Violence in the great Meadow of Clamey, lying in that Country. But it is well known, that the Bailiwick of Diefdorf has farm'd out both the great and little Meadow of Clamey to the Inhabitants of Bulitz, in the Bailiwick of Luchow, and that the little Meadow of Clamey undoubtedly lies in the Territories of Hanover.

Notwithstanding all this, the Peasants of Brandebourg, join'd by a Party of Horse, have ventured to enter the little Meadow of Clamey, and cut down the Grass this Year, to the great Prejudice of the Inhabitants of Bulitz, in the Bailiwick of Luchow, and thus committed a new Act of Violence on our Territories. Whereupon there was a Necessity of undertaking the Defence of the Inhabitants of Bulitz, driving the Peasants and Horse of Brandebourg from the Territories of Hanover, and, which no one can blame us for, fecuring the Hay in question, by removing it into the Bailiwick of Luchow. It were to be wish'd that the Arbitrators named for considering and accommodating the Differences, which arose about the said Meadow, had fucf

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fucceeded in their Commission before the late Proceedings. But, as those who acted for the Prussians on that Occasion only proposed paying for the Hay, which was mow'd the last Year, and could not be prevailed with to consider the Trespass on the Territories of Hanover, which yet is a Point of no small Importance, it is not to be wonder'd that the said Arbitration fell short of the End propos'd; but we are not to bear the blame of this Miscarriage.

The same may be said of the Cartel for a mutual Surrender of Deserters, which was first violated by those of Brandebourg. For in that Country not only such Soldiers as had Leave to absent themselves from our Troops, or deserted, were inlisted, if of a proper Size, against the Tenour of the Cartel, but also several Burgesses and Peasants of our neighbouring Towns and Bailiwicks were impress'd into the Service, when their necessary Business carried them into the Country of Brandebourg, and worn into a Complyance by hard Usage; and lately a Miller's Servant of Garteau, in the Territories of Hanover, was forced into the Prussian Troops. The Letters and Relations which we have fent to the King of Prussia with all imaginable Submission, sufficiently shew how often, by the Order of the King our Master, we have offer'd the King of Prussia the necessary Representations

tions against Proceedings so contrary to all Law and Equity, and which have so manifest a Tendency to break, or at least very much disturb, all Commerce and Communication between the neighbouring Provinces; and how often we have been obliged to demand the Discharge of our Soldiers, and others taken away by Force 3 but we were so far from receiving favourable Answers, that we could not even obtain the least Reply. It may easily be imagin'd that the King our Master could not but be most sensibly affected at this Conduct, and that he could not forbear making Reprifals by seizing some Prussian Soldiers and inferiour Officers, who pass'd through his Country; for which he thinks he had fufficient Reason. But then it is to be observed that, though their Persons were secured, they have not suffered the least Violence. However, his Majesty not only promises to set them at liberty, as soon as the Perfons seized and inlisted in the Prussian Troops by Force were released; but is likewise ready to shew his fincere Desire of maintaining a good Harmony and strict Friendship with his Neighbours, by complying with the Proposal of an amicable Treaty about the Meadow in question, and all other Differences and Misunderstandings.

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When your Excellencies are pleased to let us know the Names of the Arbitrators, whom you would chuse, and the Place where they are to meet, we shall not fail to name ours, and come to a more particular Explication of this Affair.

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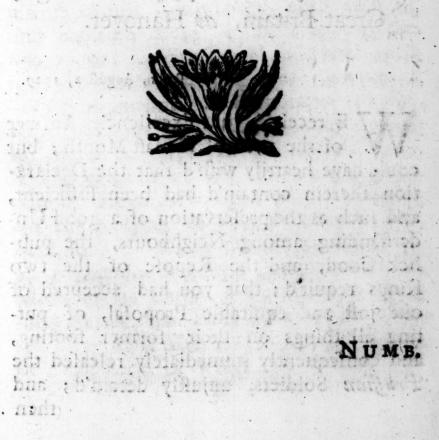
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NUMB. III.

A LETTER from the Ministers of the King of Prussia to the Ministers of his Majesty the King of Great Britain, at Hanover.

Berlin, August 2, 1729.

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of the 14th of the last Month; but could have heartily wish'd that the Declaration therein contain'd had been sufficient, and such as the preservation of a good Understanding among Neighbours, the publick Good, and the Repose of the two Kings requir'd; that you had accepted of our just and equitable Proposal, of putting all things on their former footing, and consequently immediately released the Prussian Soldiers, unjustly detain'd; and then

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then allow'd proper time for all reasonable Satisfaction for the Grievances which have long been the subject of Complaint. To this end, we have order'd diligent search to be made among the Papers of the late Baron Katsch, Auditor-General, which has been done with great Care and Exactness. in order to get some Information con-cerning the Grievances in question. By Extracts from them, it sufficiently appears, that indeed the Court of Hanover may have some Reason to complain, but that not having been sufficiently demonstrated, and consequently not settled, cannot be allow'd to enter into comparison with the Complaints of this Court; and, even tho all they mention could be made appear, the Injury done his Prussian Majesty would still turn the Scale. At least, those Grievances having no manner of Proportion to the Reprilals made by Hanover, they can by no means be call'd just and lawful.

The trouble we had in examining the publick Records was the only Reason of our not replying to your Excellencies Answer Iooner. As to the Thing itself, all his Britannick Majesty's Complaints in relation to the Cartel are reduced to these three Heads, viz. First, That we have forced away some Men out of the Territories of Brunswick, of which we cannot find

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one single Example in the said Records. Secondly, That we have seized some Subjects of Brunswick in the Country of Brandebourg, in order to inlift them. We do not deny the Fact : but this has no Relation to the Cartel; for it evidently appears from the Account drawn up when the Cartel was made, that the Court of Hanover did indeed infift upon its being forbidden by the Cartel, but that we would by no means come into the Proposal, and that the Court of Hanover let it drop; from whence it follows that, while the Cartel subsists, the inlisting complain'd of, cannot be look'd on as an infringement of the said Cartel; not to observe that the Subjects of Brunswick inlifted in our Troops in Brandebourg engaged volunta-Thirdly, rily, and accepted of Money. That in Brandebourg, the Deferters under size were restored, and the tall Men detain'd. But, as this Fact has not been thoroughly examin'd, it is not sufficiently proved. However, we are able to shew that the same thing was done by the Hanoverians.

For these Reasons, we are still in good hopes that, if his Britannick Majesty will be pleased to consider this Assair, as it really is, he will make no difficulty of giving the Prussian Soldiers their Liberty, as is proposed.

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posed. In return, his Majesty the King of Prussia, our most gracious Sovereign, gives his Royal Word that, as soon as that is done, he will readily and exactly execute all that the Arbitrators shall judge just and reasonable. Whereas on the contrary, if things are not restor d to their former State, his Prussian Majesty will be obliged to take serious Measures.

As to the Affair of the Meadow of Clamey, it may be debated at the same time; his Majesty the King of Prussia, our Master, having given previous Orders for seizing the Troopers accused of entring the Territories of Brunswick. And, tho the Affair of the English Sailor listed at Konigsberg, has no connection with this, his Prussian Majesty has directed his being restored to the Company of English Merchants in this City.

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As these are his Prussian Majesty's Offers, and he is disposed to do all that can be requir'd, consistently with Justice and Equity, he expects that, unless the Court of Hanover has a fix'd Design of creating Disputes, and starting Disficulties, they will behave themselves in the same manner, and give him due Satisfaction by immediately releasing his Soldiers, who are unjustly detain'd. For our parts, we shall not fail to perform exactly every thing that

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has been promised, and thus lay the Foundation of a Re-establishment of a perfect good Understanding between the two Kings, and prevent all the pernicious Consequences, which must otherwise follow.

We recommend this Affair in the strongest manner to your Excellencies; desiring you will send your Answer with all possible Expedition. Who are, &c. &c.

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NUMB. IV.

Done at Hanover, Aug. 15th, 1729.

N the 15th Day of August, at Ten in the Morning, I received two Orders of Council, dispatch'd on the 13th Instant at seven in the Evening; whereupon I immediately went to the Council-Chamber, and told De Harteff, Privy-Secretary, who met me in a Room adjoining that, having something to propose to the Ministry from the Prussian Ministers, it was necessary I should speak to them. Mr. De Hartoff, after having reported my Demand, let me know he had received Orders from the Ministry to refer what I had to fay to another time. I reply'd that, fince I could not be allow'd the honour of an Audience at that time, I thought my felf oblig'd to acquaint him I had teceiv'd an Order from Berlin, to apply to the Ministry of this Place in the Name

of the Ministers of Prussia, and make the most pressing Instances for a speedy Anfwer to a Letter larely deliver'd to you by Mr. Reichenbach, Counsellor of the Court and Embassy, and desire the Answer may be lodged in my hands, in order to remit it with safety. Mr. De Hartoff return'd immediately to the Council-Chamber, and, after having told the Ministers what I had said, brought me the following Answer in about half a quarter of an Hour; That the Ministers of this Court would not fail answering the said Letter as soon as possible. and take care to give me notice of it, and fend the Answer to me. But, not thinking this Reply sufficient, I added that, Delays being dangerous, I would come again the next day for a more precise Answer.

At Hanover, August 16, 1729.

A Ccording to the Orders receiv'd from the King my Master, and pursuant to my Promise of yesterday, I went at Noon this day to the Castle, in order to appear in the Council-Chamber, where the Ministers were assembled. I let them know I was there by De Hartoff, Privy-Secretary, and in the civilest Terms desired to be admitted to speak with them; which was

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refused me a second time, and the following Answer deliver'd me by Mr. De Hartoff: That, since the Prussian Ministers had entrusted me with this Commission, the Ministers of this Court had directed him to draw up my yesterday's Proposals in writing, and report them to the Council. Whereupon I faid, I could not conceive any Reason why I was the only Person, who could not be admitted to Audience; that, however, as the Ministers of this Court were pleased to authorize Mr. De Hartoff to receive my Proposals, I was obliged to tell him, I had received Orders to be very pressing with the Ministers of this Court for an Answer to a Letter from the Prussian Ministry, lately deliver'd by Mr. de Reichenbach, Counsellor of the Embassy; and, finding that the faid Answer was not yet finish'd, I would stay two days for it, that I might be more secure of it; but that then I should come to put them in mind of it, and defire Audience, that I might acquir myself of the rest of my Commission. The Privy-Secretary drew up what I had faid in writing; immediately after he reported it to the Ministry, and brought me this Answer, That the Ministers of this Court would be as good as their word of yesterday, and answer the above-mention'd Letter with all possible expedition. After which we parted. At

At Hanover, August the 17th, 1729. 201

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T Two in the Afternoon this Day Mr. De Hartoff came to my House, and let me know he had Bufiness of Consequence with me from the Ministry, and that he would return at Five. By my Direction he was told I should expect him; at the time appointed he came, and told me that the Ministers of this Court, understanding from him that I delign'd to ask Audience tomorrow, did not doubt that my Business would be to remind them of the Answer. which I had demanded yesterday and the day before; but that such Applications were not customary among Sovereign Princes, that they dared not treat farther in that Affair with me, that they defired me not to mention it to them again, till they had receiv'd Directions from his Britannick Majesty, to whom they had made their Report; and that, as foon as they receiv'd their Instructions, they should be communicated to me. mylch of

the Ministers of this Court would refuse me the Audience, which I design'd to ask to-morrow, and that therefore I would not fail being at the Council-Chamber at Eleven the next Day, to know their Answer to the rest of my Proposals. Secretary De Hartoff affired me politively he had Orders to liften to nothing more on that Subject from the; after which he left me.

At Hanover, August the 18th, 1729.

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T Eleven this Day I went to the Council-Chamber for the third time, and defired the Secretary Hartoff to prevail with the Ministry to allow me to speak to them, and communicate what the King of Prussia had order'd me to propose. Mr. De Hartoff gave them an Account of my Petition, and brought me for Affiver that I must wait a little, because the Ministers were not all yet affembled: But, after having made me flay almost an Hour, and after the President of the Council was come, Mr. De Hartoff came out to me, and repeated what he had faid yesterday, declaring in very positive and absolute Terms, that the Ministers were resolv'd not to see me, and had exprefly forbid him taking any Paper at my hands. To this I replied, that this was very hard Usage, and the World would see how the King of Pruffia would relish it : But, having strict Orders from his Majesty, my most gracious Master, to make a Declaration in his Name to the Ministers of Hanover; and finding Mr. Hartoff would neither receive it,

nor take a Copy of it, I told him I was under a necessity of leaving it in Writing, and had brought the Paper with me. But, as the Council was pleas'd to refuse to take it, either scal'd or open, I was obliged to leave the faid Declaration on a Table in an adjoining Room, in the Presence of Mr. De Hartoff and other Secretaries of the Council, whom I defired to lay it before the Ministry. After this I went home; but had scarce enter'd my Appartment, when a Messenger return'd me the Declaration seal'd, as I left it, by order of the Ministry: and, perceiving I was not inclined to receive it, he laid it on my Table, and left the House immediately.

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NUMB. V.

A LETTER from the Ministers of his Majesty the King of Great Britain, to those of his Majesty the King of Prussia.

Hanover, August 15th, 17.29.

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We are forry to perceive by that Letter, that his Majesty, your most Gracious Sovereign, does not come into the equitable Proposal made in our last, for an Exchange of the Prussan Soldiers, who are Prisoners F 2

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We could have wish'd it had pleas'd his Majesty the King of Prussia, and your Excellencies to have listen'd more favourably to the just Complaints, which have been offer'd to you in vain about the Violation of the Gartel made between the two Kings, and the Force used in listing the Subjects of Hanover in the Prussian Troops. Had ever so little Care been employ'd in redtessing these Grievances by the Rules of Equity, we should never have seen the Misunderstandings that reign at present between their Majestics, which may be attended with melancholy Consequences, not to be charged on us.

It appears from the publick Records, and, if your Excellencies were not sufficiently acquainted with the matter, it would be easy to shew you with how much Tenderness we have, as much as possible, shut our Eyes against the insupportable Proceedings of the Prussian Officers, with the sole View of keeping up a mutual Considence, and maintaining Friendship and good Neighbourhood between two Great Princes so nearly allied.

As to the Affair itself, your Excellencies have been pleas'd to alledge that the Grievances, of which we complain, being not clear'd up, stand in need of farther Proof; and that the they appear'd ever so clearly, the Reprizals made by us, bearing no proportion to them, cannot be justified. That, first, no Example can be produced that the Prussians seiz'd any Persons by Force in the Territories of Hanover. Secondly, that tho? some of the Subjects of Hanoven were inlifted in the Prussian Troops in Brandsbourg, this Fact had no relation to the Carrely nor could be efteem'd a Violation of it; and that the rather, because the said Subjects of Hanover engaged in the Service willingly, and took Money on that fcore. And thirdly, that the Surrender of the underfized Deferrers, and detaining the reft, is a Complaint not sufficiently proved; but that, supposing it true, you could produce Proofs that the same had been practifed on our side

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To give a clear and short Answer to these Particulars, we have ordered the List hereunto annexed to be drawn up, containing the Names of such Subjects and Soldiers of Hanover as have been listed by Force in the Prussian Troops, and are still detained, the often re-demanded. Such, as deserted from our Troops, have been received in those of Prussia, and never restored

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ftor'd to our Regiments. We shall take another Opportunity of making this List wore compleat, as soon as we receive the Informations, which we have directed to be made on this head. If your Excellencies will be pleas'd to examine the publick Records in relation to those Men, you will find some, whose Complaints on that Subject, as represented by us, are neither ill grounded,

nor unproportion'd to the Reprizals.

As to your first Article, it is evident that the Miller's Servant, mention'd No VII. named Christian Decker, was carried away by Force in the Night, by some Troopers of Lottum, in Quarmstaet, which is certainly in the Territories of Hanover, and inlifted. To your second Point it may be answer'd, the Question is not whether inlifting the Subjects of Hanover by Force be against the Cartel or not; for, tho' the Cartel may take no notice of it, it is enough that such Proceedings, against another Prince's Subjects, are contrary to publick Justice; so that his Britannick Majesty neither could, nor would allow of any fuch thing, tho' no Cartel had been made between him and his Prussian Majesty. Besides, it is evident from the publick Records, that the Subjects of Hanover in the first List did not engage voluntarily, but were inlifted by Force. We are therefore obliged in short of themplay and never re

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obliged to perfift in our former Demand, that the said Persons be set at liberty, and have free leave to return home; but if they are afterwards willing to remain in the Service of Prussia, we assure your Excellencies we shall not molest them. To the third Article we reply, That the Accounts already alledg'd, the Validity of which we are firmly persuaded cannot be disputed, make it evident that a great number of Hanoverian Soldiers and Deserters, some of whom were inlifted in the Prussian Troops, with their own free Consent, and others against their Wills, tho' frequently re-demanded, have not been restor'd, but several Pretences urg'd for detaining them. For, as we can assure your Excellencies from good Information that the Persons in question had actually been in the Service of Hanover, we are sufficiently warranted to demand their Restitution with Justice, because we are able to name the Prussian Regiments in which they now serve. No Complaint was ever made to us, that the Hanoverian Officers made any difficulty of giving up the Prussian Deserters, when duly claim'd; for be affured, that Justice should have been done without delay in this case, of which we now make a fresh Proffer. The King, our most Gracious Master, to

whom we have given an exact Account of

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the Contents of your Excellencies Letter, and of all the Circumstances of this Affair. how ready and willing foever he may be to remove all Obstacles, that might hinder the Termination of the present Differences, has order'd us to affure your Excellencies that he will not release the inferior Officers and Soldiers here detain'd, 'till the Persons specified in the List already mention'd are set at liberty, or may be exchanged on the Frontiers, which will depend on your Excellencies. We flatter outselves that, upon a mature Consideration of the matter, your Excellencies will do justice according to the Equity of the Proposals from this Court, which is very obvious, and second the good Inclinations of the King our Mafter of re-establishing a perfect Harmony between him and the King of Pruffia; that you will rake the properest Method for prevailing with his Prussian Majesty to accept and execute the Proposals we have offerd, in order to prevent the worst Confequences; God having farnish'd his Britannick Majesty with Forces sufficient to make a vigorous Opposition against fuch violent Measures, as may be taken in this Affair.

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We have the Satisfaction of hearing, however, that the King your most Gracious
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them Orders so to do are most to blame.
We doubt not of his Majesty's punishing
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ALETTER from the Ministers of State of his Majesty the King of Prussia, to those of his Majesty the King of Great Britain.

> Berlin, August 23d, 1729.

W E have receiv'd the Letter, which your Excellencies were pleas'd to write us on the 15th Instant, relating to the Difficulties and Differences, which still reign between their Majesties our most Giacious Masters.

We could indeed alledge several things against the Contents of your Letter; but shall do this at large hereaster, if occasion requires it. The essential Point in the present Affair is so important, and of so great Consequence, that it would be inexcusable, both before God and Man, to spend any more

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more Time on such Disputes, and not do our utmost for preventing the Calamities, that will soon follow them, by short and amicable Negociations. In this View, his Majesty the King of Prussia, our most Gracious Master, to shew how passionately he desires the Re-establishment of a good Understanding with his Britannick Majesty, and the Preservation of Peace in Germany, is come to a Resolution of agreeing that the Soldiers and Subjects detain'd on both sides be immediately set at liberty; viz. the inferior Officers and Soldiers of Prussia upon Word and Honour; and those of Hanover, according to the List sent hither on the 22d of last Fanuary.

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As this Resolution of the King our Master is exactly conformable to all Reason, Justice and Equity, so it now depends entirely on his Britannick Majesty to set the last hand to this Work. The King our Master assures his Britannick Majesty on his Royal Word, that if his Britannick Majesty will engage his for the Release of the Prussian Soldiers, and inferior Officers now detained in the Territories of Hanover, on the first of next September, and permit them to return to their respective Regiments, his Prussian Majesty will give sufficient Orders that not one of the Soldiers and Subjects of Hanover, specified in the List above-mention'd, shall be

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found in the Prussian Troops on the 2d of the same Month; and that every one of them shall have free liberty to quit the Country.

Your Excellencies will do a most commendable Work in employing all your good Offices for a speedy Answer. The Preparations that have been made here are such, that nothing but an amicable Composition can preserve their Majesties from those unhappy Consequences of an open Rupture between the two Kings.

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inferiour Officers, lately seized in the Country of Hanover, were furnished with good Passports, and seized by an express Order from his Majesty the King of Great Britain; whereas all of this nature that was done in Prusse was done without his Prussian Majesty Knowledge. Order, or Approbation was done without his Prussian Majesty Knowledge. Order, or Approbation was a majesty of the Hanoverian Soldiers and one of the Hanoverian Soldiers and one of the Hanoverian whether they might be sawfully detain'd or not; provided that his Majesty the King of Great Britain will be pleased to order that the aforesaid Soldiers and inferiour Officers of Prussia be set at liberty on the first of September next.

His Majesty the King of Prussia promises likewise, on the Word and Honour of a King, that, if this Proposal is complied

plied with, not one Soldier or other Subject of *Hanover*, specified in the abovemention'd List, shall remain in his Service on the second of the same Month, but every Man be at full Liberty to return.

> Written at Berlin, this 23d of August, 1729.

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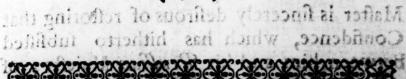
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ALETTER from the Ministers of his Majesty the King of Great Britain, to those of his Majesty the King of Prussia.

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lencies were pleased to write on the 23d Instant, concerning the present Differences and Misunderstandings between the two Kings, our most Gracious Sovereigns, on the account of the Soldiers and inserior Officers seiz'd here by way of Reprisal.

We are perfectly acquainted with the Importance of the Affair before us; and should be the rather inclined to prevent the Inconveniencies and Calamities, that may follow by an amicable Negociation, because we are fully convinced that the King our Master

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Master is sincerely desirous of restoring that Considence, which has hitherto subsisted between him and his Prussian Majesty; of which Disposition the World shall see substantial Proofs, if his Majesty the King of Prussia will but come into any reasonable Measures.

As to the Affair itself, we cannot think the Rise of these Differences is to be imputed to us, but rather to the King of Prussia's Officers, to the inlisting the Subjects of Hanaver by Force, and their frequent Violations of the Cartel made be-

tween the two Kings.

Now, his Britannick Majesty, not being able to look on such Proceedings any longer with Indifference, and having been obliged to make Reprifals, which all Laws allow, it is but reasonable, and what might inftly be infifted ion, that, as the Pruffians began with intiffing the Soldiers of Hanover by Force, and harbouring our Deferrers against all Right and Reason, his Prussian Majefty thoused likewife begin the Release. But his Britannick Majesty, waving these Confiderations, and being defirous to fhew himfelf ready to do all in this power to facilitate an amicable Composition of the fatal Differences which still sublist, was pleased to offer an Exchange of the inferior Offivers and Soldiers of Pruffia on the Fron-T Maffer tiers

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tiers for the Subjects and Soldiers of Har nover, of whom we fent you a List in our last. His Britannick Majesty once more makes the same Proffer, which is his last Resolution: For though his Britannick Majesty, our most Gracious Master, has an entire Confidence in the King of Pruffia's Word, and does not in the least doubt that, conformably to his Promise, his Majesty will give the necessary Orders for releasing the Men in question; yet, as the Commanding Officers of the Regiments may endeavour to hinder the Execution of fuch Orders, and elude them under several Pretexts, the Misunderstandings between their Majesties our Masters will thus be revived, and become more considerable than they are at present. And that our Fears on this Head are not groundless, is evident from the Example of Gausen, a Student in Divinity, whom we have already mention'd to your Excellencies on another Occasion.

As to his Prussian Majesty's Offer of releasing the Subjects and Soldiers of Hanover specified in the List, which we sent to your Excellencies the 22d of last January, you may easily see it is not sufficient. We have reported it to the King our Master, who neither can nor will desist from his Demand, that all his Soldiers and Subjects, specified in the Paper sent with our last H Letter, be set at liberty. His Britannick Majesty is so well assured of his Prussian Majesty's Equity and Justice, that he depends on his making no difficulty of discharging not only the Persons named in the Lists, but also all, whose Case shall appear to be the same. For this Reason, by express Orders from the King our Master, we here send you another List, and demand the Liberty of all who compose it.

Your Excellencies cannot but perceive the Justice of our Pretensions, and that his Britannick Majesty cannot in the least recede from them. As you cannot doubt of his Britannick Majesty's sincere Intention to prevent the unhappy Consequences of the present Differences, as far as in him lies, and concur to the Re-establishment of a good Understanding with the King of Prussia, we flatter ourselves that your Excellencies will represent to his Majesty the King of Prussia, the Strength of our Reasoning on this Subject, and endeavour to bring Matters to a happy Conclusion.

P.S. By express Orders from his Britannick Majesty, our most Gracious Master, we are obliged to complain to your Excellencies that, on the 10th Instant, a Detachment of about sifty Prussian Soldiers, led by two Officers, marched

marched through the Bailiwick of Lauenstein compleatly accoutred, with their Pieces charged: and that on the 21st, another Detachment of forty Men pass'd through the same Bailiwick with their Pieces charged, and some Recruits in their Company; and all this clandestinely, without previous Notice, and the usual Petition for passing. We are not inclined to doubt that the Officers did this of their own heads, and are persuaded that neither your Excellencies nor his Prussian Majesty will approve of their Conduct. But, as other Officers may attempt the same, the King our most Gracious Master, has order'd us to desire your Excellencies will give proper Directions for preventing it, that his Majesty may not be obliged to oppose such clandestine Marches in a way practised on such Occasions.

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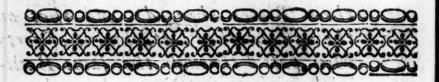
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NUMB. IX.

Done in a Conference of State, at Berlin, Sept. 2d, 1729.

R. Du Bourgay, Envoy from the King of Great Britain, declared he had transmitted to his Court the Proposal which Mr. Du Thum had made of an Arbitration in his Master's Name; that the Court of England made no Objection against it, but that the great Distance would occasion much loss of time; but that, if his Majesty the King of Prussia pleased, two Princes of the Empire might be named, to pronounce a definitive Sentence in relation to the Difference between the two That if his Majesty the King of Prussia would be pleased to chuse his Arbitrator, his Majesty the King of Great Britain would do the same for himself; that the Conference might be held at Brunfwick;

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wick; and that, in the mean time, the Soldiers in dispute should be restor'd to the respective Arbitrators. Mr. Du Bourgay declared he spoke this in the name of the Court of England.

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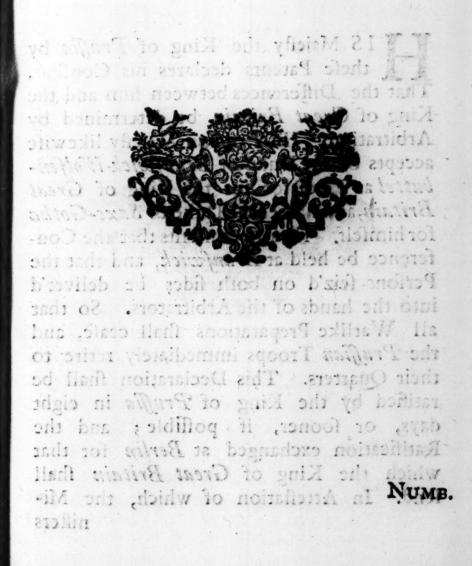
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IS Majesty the King of Prussia by these Patents declares his Consent. That the Differences between him and the King of Great Britain be determined by Arbitration. His Prussian Majesty likewise accepts of the Duke of Brunswick-Wolfenbuttel as Mediator for the King of Great Britain, and names the Duke of Saxe-Gotha for himself. He also consents that the Conference be held at Brunswick, and that the Persons seiz'd on both sides be deliver'd into the hands of the Arbitrators. So that all Warlike Preparations shall cease, and the Prussian Troops immediately retire to their Quarters. This Declaration shall be ratified by the King of Prussia in eight days, or sooner, if possible; and the Ratification exchanged at Berlin for that which the King of Great Britain shall fend. In Attestation of which, the Ministers

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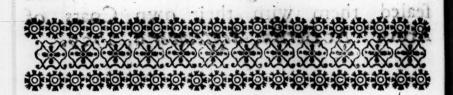
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